

walks notwithstanding the thick dust. Part of our walk was through lanes bordered with trees and hedges. Very beautiful and very attractive. I have a splendid opportunity of seeing and studying the section of country in which the Regiment is located, by reason of its units being camped in so many different places. My only means of getting about from camp to camp is either on a poor riding horse or on "shanks mare." Of the two I prefer the latter. The horse I have is of an indescribable color (yellowish-tan with speckles of dirty brown). He is small, has uneasy (for rider) trot, but a rather fast walk (his redeeming trait). He balks a little, but usually is easily persuaded to go where his rider desires. It is a great come down from the good horse I had at Camp Sevier.

In the evening (7 p. m.) we had a rather hard thunder shower, the first in France. I sat in the doorway of the Chateau and watched it for nearly $\frac{3}{4}$ hour.

July 9, 1918, Tuesday. A quiet and restful night. Received orders to move the regiment from the Cassel Area to the Proven Area (Belgium). I had a conference with the Battalion Commanders at noon and went over with them plans for the march. Sent the billeting officer and detail from each Battalion to Proven to make arrangements for billeting the regiment. They will meet me en route and the men with them will be able to guide the units of the Regiment to their camping or billeting sites. In the p. m. went over to Terdeghem with Major Lyerly to inspect the work done by the Second Battalion during the past two days. It consisted largely of wiring, continuing the length of the wire entanglement of the 1st Battalion. They built the double apron type and the low entanglement. For the most part they did splendidly.

July 10, 1918, Wednesday. Orders were issued yesterday to move the regiment to the Proven Area, Belgium. Regimental march orders were issued and at 8 a. m. the regiment was en route for Belgium and new scenes. The Headquarters Company, 1st Battalion and Train started from Oxelaere, and went through Cassel, the 2d Battalion from Terdeghem joining the column at Rweld (27/J 27 b 2. 3.). Had one hard shower en route near Droglandt. Although some of the men got somewhat wet (most of them put on their rain coats) the shower was very acceptable as it settled the dust. The 1st Battalion reached the Proven Area about 12:30 p. m. and stopped